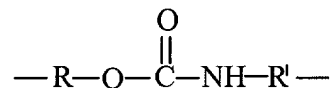


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composition comprising a polyurethane latex having a mean volume average particle size of not greater than about 1 micron and a solids content of at least 45 percent by weight, wherein the polyurethane latex contains the following units:



where R and R' are each aromatic.

2. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the polyurethane latex contains units formed from 4,4'-diisocyanatodiphenylmethane or 2,4'-diisocyanatodiphenylmethane or a combination thereof.

3. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the polyurethane latex has a solids content of not less than 50 percent by weight based on the total weight of the latex.

4. The composition of Claim 3, wherein the latex has a solids content of not less than 55 percent by weight based on the total weight of the latex and has a volume average particle size of not greater than 0.5 micron and a polydispersity of not greater than 1.5.

5. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the polyurethane latex has a mean volume average particle size of not greater than about 0.5 micron.